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KPD continues to investigate Kalāheo hit-and-run, and is seeking the public's help

KALĀHEO – Kaua'i police are continuing to investigate the death of 24-year-old Florentino Maipi, of 'Ele'ele, who was killed while walking on Halewili Road in Kalāheo last week. Investigators are asking the public for assistance.

"Although the driver of the vehicle that first struck Maipi has been tentatively identified, we believe there could be at least two other vehicles that may have inadvertently struck the decedent after the initial impact," said Acting Assistant Chief Paul Applegate. "If anyone was traveling on Halewili Road that night and may have seen or heard anything – no matter how insignificant it may seem – please report it to police immediately."

Police are asking for information from drivers who were traveling eastbound on Halewili Road on Sunday, Sept. 30, between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., in the vicinity of the concrete Wahiawa Bridge located between the west junction of Halewili Road and Kaumuali'i Highway, and Kaua'i Coffee Company.

Anyone with information is urged to call KPD's Traffic Safety Section at 241-1617. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call CrimeStoppers at 246-8300.

According to police, Maipi was walking in the eastbound lane of Halewili Road on Sept. 30, when he was struck by an eastbound vehicle operated by David Curry of Kalāheo. Curry was not at the scene when police arrived, and was later arrested on suspicion of leaving the

scene of an accident involving serious bodily injury or death. He has since been released pending further investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing.



Map: Police are asking for information from drivers who were traveling eastbound on Halewili Road on Sunday, Sept. 30, between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., in the vicinity of the concrete Wahiawa Bridge located between the west junction of Halewili Road and Kaumuali'i Highway, and Kaua'i Coffee Company.

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